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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/2 15/16.

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## CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S NEW POST.

President of Executive Yuan.

### VISIT TO HANKOW.

Nanking, Sunday.

President Chiang Kai-shek decided formally to assume the concurrent post of the President of the Executive Yuan on November 24. After the departure of General Chang Hsueh-liang from Nanking for the North, which is scheduled for November 28, President Chiang will proceed to Hankow to direct operations against the Communist bandits.

The various organisations in Wuchang and Hankow have made every preparation to accord President Chiang a warm welcome. Arches (Pai-lau) will be erected at Hankow and Wuchang, and slogans bearing the words of welcome will be posted around these two ports. The various schools and public organs will participate in the reception of the President.

Chang Hsueh-liang.

General Chang Hsueh-liang, who intended to pay a short visit to Shanghai, has at last cancelled his proposed trip, in view of important affairs regarding the rehabilitation of the North-western provinces requiring his attendance. However, the Young Marshal will send his wife to take a trip to Shanghai on his behalf, since the various organs have already made everything in readiness to record him a hearty reception.

Foochow, Sunday.

By telegraphic order of President Chiang, the surrendered rebels under Lu Hsing-neng are to leave Fukien before December 1 for Kianensi, in order to participate in the campaign against the Communist bandits. After the departure of Lu's troops, the Government forces under Lin Hsou-kuo will take over the defence of Northern Fukien.

In view of the death of Lu Hsing-ming in Chekiang province, Lu Hsing-peng has wired to the Fukien Provincial Government requesting the appointment of himself as concurrently Brigadier-General of the 1st Brigade in succession to the deceased.

Shih Yu-san's Troops.

The troops under the command of Shih Yu-san have been reorganised into six divisions, in which two are named as "A Class Division" with Sun Kwang-chien and Me Wen-hau as divisional commanders, and the rest as "B Class Division" with Liang Fong-chi, Wang Sen-teh, Sung Tien-lin and Shen Hei as divisional commanders. In addition, there are a pistol corps, heavy and light artillery regiment and a squadron of armoured cars under the direct control of Shih's G.H.Q.—Canton News Agency.

### R.A.O.B.

### ANNUAL DINNER OF FAR EAST LODGE.

### GIFT TO CLUB SECRETARY.

The Far East Lodge, No. 1297, R.A.O.B. (Grand Council) held their third annual dinner in the Savoy Hotel last night.

The chair was ably taken by Bro. H. Lewis, C.P. (D.G.P.), supported by his Committee. During the dinner the following toasts were honoured: (1) "The King"; (2) "The Order"; (3) "Grand and Minor Lodges of China Province"; (4) "Visitors"; and (5) "Absent Brethren".

The visitors also included some ladies—the wives of military brethren who are leaving for India in the troophop Lancashire, Bro. J. Butland, K.O.M. (G.P.) wished them on behalf of the brethren assembled "bon voyage" and hoped that they would find as many friends in India as they were leaving behind in Hong Kong.

Bro. C. W. H. Wilson, K.O.M., the Chairman of the R.A.O.B. Club, in a well chosen speech, presented Bro. J. P. Dickinson, C.P., with an engraved gold-watch on behalf of the members of the R.A.O.B. and Club for his services as Secretary of "The Skivvy" and "Why".

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The singing of the Maori song "Well" and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable evening.

The Dinner Committee thanked all members for their attendance and for the support rendered during the evening. Reuter.

### HOUSE COLLAPSE.

### THREE PEOPLE INJURED IN WANCHAI.

### FLOOR GIVES WAY.

An alarming accident, fortunately not attended with any very serious consequences, occurred in the Wanchai district this morning, when the first floor of a house at No. 4, Morrison Hill Road collapsed, carrying with it a number of Chinese workers. The building is in process of demolition, and so far as could beascertained, there were a number of coolies engaged inside sorting out the bricks.

It is customary to stack the better bricks for removal later, whilst earth coolies are engaged to take away the debris, loose mortar, etc. It is possible that the extra weight on the floor proved too much, with the result that the collapse followed.

Police, Fire Brigade, and ambulances were rushed to the scene within ten minutes of the occurrence, and three earth coolies, one man and a woman, were removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The man was not detained, and it is not thought that the condition of the two women is serious.

### AN OLD BUILDING.

The building is a fairly old one, and is situated at the junction of Wanchai Road with Morrison Hill Road, opposite what was at one time the Government Opium factory.

The ground floor of the collapsed building some years ago was occupied by a comrade's shop, the sign "General Merchants" being still visible on the facade.

The upper floors were occupied by families until several months ago, when it is understood the structure was sold, the new owner deciding upon demolition.

### BLASTING RESPONSIBLE?

The house was also the last building before coming to the eastern side of Morrison Hill itself, where blasting operations have been in process for a considerable time. Recently there has been quite a lot of blasting in the immediate vicinity, which may in some measure be responsible for the collapse.

### SEQUEL TO BUSINESS LOSS.

A Chinese woman named Chan Yau (46), widow, living at 5, Yuen Shing Lane, yesterday attempted to commit suicide by walking down the steps into the harbour on the Praya opposite the end of Eastern Street.

She was held back by the Police, to whom she stated that she wished to end her life because she had lost \$2,000 in a business enterprise which failed.

The woman has been sent to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

### A large construction programme is in sight for the Winter months in Hamilton. At the present anticipation more than \$7,000,000 will be spent for building and possibly as much as \$10,000,000, if all projects approved and contemplated are included. This is exclusive of the normal Winter work on new homes and industrial plant expansion and will include the T. H. & R. grade separation programme and new station, building of the filtration plant, reservoir, etc.

Excellent entertainment it would be hard to individualise, but special mention may be made of Mrs. Aris for her able rendering of "The Skivvy" and "Why".

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### ATLANTIC FLEET TO VISIT PANAMA.

### INVITED TO SEE EXERCISES OF U.S. FLEET.

### WEST INDIES TRIP.

Rugby, Yesterday. The visit which the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Sir Michael Hodges, will pay as an invitation of the United States Government to the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet at Colon, Panama, will take place from February 23 to 28, and not in January as erroneously announced elsewhere. At the time the United States Fleet will be carrying out their Spring exercises near Colon. Previously the Nelson, together with Rodney, Hawkins, York, Dorsetshire, Norfolk, and Adventure, will visit the West Indian Islands, including Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara, British Guiana.—British Wireless Service.

### AFRICAN FLIGHT.

### R.A.F. PLANE DESCENDS IN THE BUSH.

### DRAUGED 30 MILES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Royal Air Force West Africa flight of three Fairey machines left Geneva to-day on the return journey from Bathurst to Khartoum. During the outward flight one machine made a forced descent in the bush. A native runner was sent 100 miles for assistance and the machine drawn 30 miles through the bush for repair. By working day and night for four days the airmen, with the assistance of the Resident at Kano, enabled the flight to be continued according to schedule. Three hundred natives were engaged in clearing the ground to enable the machine to take off. It was the first occasion that an Air-Force land machine had visited Gambia.—British Wireless Service.

### SINGER'S DEATH.

### COLLECTOR OF HEBRIDEAN SONGS.

London, Yesterday. The death occurred during the week-end of Mrs. Marjory Kennedy Fraser, at the age of 73.

She was well-known for her collections of Hebridean songs, and her researches led to the recovery of many of Scotland's lost folk tunes.—British Wireless Service.

[Mrs. Marjory Kennedy Fraser was also a well-known singer. She was a daughter of the late David Kennedy, and was educated mostly abroad, in Italy under Signora Gambardella and in Paris under Mathilde Marchesi.]

### VOTE OF CENSURE.

### LABOUR GOVERNMENT NOT UNEASY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It is expected that the Conservative motion asking the House of Commons to censure the Government for not having formulated effective proposals on Empire trade at the recent Imperial Conference will be debated on Thursday.

According to the Times the Government does not anticipate an adverse vote.—British Wireless Service.

### SHIP MISSING.

### BELIEVED LOST WITH CREW OF THIRTY.

Cuxhaven, Yesterday.

The German steamer Louise Leonhardt went aground in the Elbe estuary in the gale, and is believed to be lost with a crew of thirty. A salvage steamer rushed to the rescue but was unable to find the vessel.

The gale also caused a rupture of a dyke near Hamburg, and a wide area is flooded, including the village of Hettelmburg, which was built by war cripples.—Reuter.

### TRADE MISSION.

### GUESTS OF HIS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR.

### A CHINESE DINNER.

The Canadian Trade Delegation at present in Hong Kong will be the guests of H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel at tea at Government House this afternoon at 4.30.

In the evening, at 8 o'clock, they will be entertained at dinner at the Man Kwok restaurant, West Point, by prominent British and Chinese Government and business men of the Colony.

At 9 p.m., to-morrow, eight members of the Delegation will have dinner as the guests of the General Chamber of Commerce.

The entire Delegation will be entertained at 4 p.m. at a reception and tea party to be given by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at the Chinese Merchants' Club.

The Canadian Trade Commissioner, Hong Kong, will be host to the Delegation at 8 p.m. at the supper dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

### BIG DROP IN THE DOLLAR.

### DOWN 1/4 AT CLOSE TO-DAY.

London, Yesterday.

Those optimists who have been looking forward to an early appreciation of the dollar received a rude shock to-day, when the Bank demand value dwindled from 1/3 3/16, at close of business yesterday, to a rate of 1/2 15/16 at the close to-day.

This represents a remarkable drop of 1/4 d. in twenty-four hours—a most disconcerting development.

The Shanghai tael, quoted at 80 at the close yesterday, closed at 78 1/2 to-day.

The drop suddenly in the local dollar is most unexpected, and the biggest for several months. The lowest quotation for the current year was 1/2 5/8.

### OPIUM DIVANS.

### KEEPERS PAY THE PENALTY IN KOWLOON.

Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmett appeared in the Kowloon Magistrate this morning to prosecute in two opium cases which were heard by Mr. H. R. Butters.

For being the possessor of two taels of prepared non-Government opium, and being the keeper of a divan at a house in Shamshui Po, Lei Chi-fu was fined \$64 or one month's jail, and \$100 with the option of five weeks' jail, respectively. Fourteen smokers were relieved of \$1 each.

In the second case, Liu Tak pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of 9 mace of non-Government prepared opium, and also to being the keeper of a divan in Fuk Wah Street. He was fined \$72 or one month's hard labour on the first charge, and \$100 or five weeks' imprisonment on the latter. Sixteen smokers were fined \$1 each.

### FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

The anti-cyclone central to the North of the Lower Yangtze Valley is spreading Eastward.

Fresh to strong monsoon along the S.E. Coast of Woosung and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall:—to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 95.19 inches, against an average of 81.77.

Temperature:—

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:

Hong Kong ..... 67

Macao ..... 68

Pratas Island ..... 74

Manila ..... 74

Poochow ..... 58

Amoy ..... 58

Swatow ..... 68

Chafao ..... 66

Shanghai ..... 31

### AMAZING BANK NOTE SWINDLE.

### London Printers Give £1,115,613 to a Crook.

London, Yesterday.

The amazingly bold coup of a swindler in fraudulently obtaining over £1,000,000 worth of bank notes direct from a printer was mentioned in the King's Bench Division to-day, when the Bank of Portugal sued Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Limited, printers, for £1,115,613, alleging alternatively breaches of contract, negligence or conversion, in connection with the printing of Portuguese bank notes.

Plaintiff's counsel asserted that an international swindler named Marang called at Waterlows in 1924 bearing a forged letter from the Governor of the Bank of Portugal, and ordered the notes, which were duly supplied and circulated. Counsel contended that Marang's plot was full of leaks and holes, and not only invited suspicion, but shouted for it.—Reuter.

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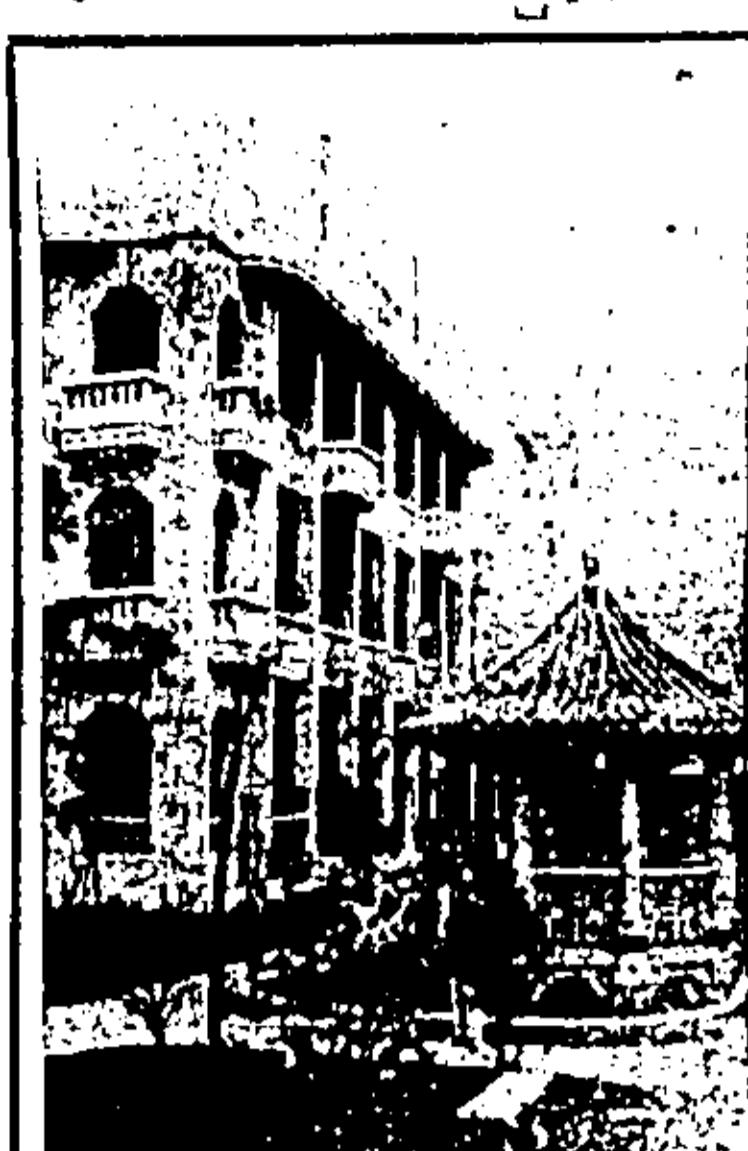
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and to-day it occupies a unique  
position as a dominant world pro-  
ducer of rubber and tin, and is also

a most important factor in the com-  
merce of the Middle East. Little  
more than half a century ago the

country was practically covered  
with jungle, and numerous rivers  
and jungle paths were the only ways

of transport. With the advent of  
the British roads and railways were  
constructed for opening up the

country, and many thousands of  
acres of forest land were con-  
verted into flourishing rubber and

coconut estates, and the valleys be-  
came busy mine fields.

The population of the country

(4,000,000) is most cosmopolitan  
and there is a large floating Chin-  
ese and Indian population used in

connection with the tin mining and  
rubber industries. The Chinese, in  
fact, have been most useful agents  
in the development of British

Malaya, "not only entering very  
largely into the commercial and  
artisan life of the country, but  
taking a most important share in

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Rubber and Tin Production.

The chief agricultural product of

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million acres of land. The develop-  
ment of this industry to such enormous

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lous when it is realised that only 53 years have  
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HAKOZAKI MARU .....	Saturday, 16th December.
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ATSUTA MARU .....	
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Thursday, 27th November.
+ CALCUTTA MARU .....	Thursday, 11th December.
KAGA MARU .....	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Mondays, 22nd December.
RAKUYO MARU .....	
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports,	
KAMAKURA MARU .....	Wednesday, 17th December.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
+ ASUKA MARU .....	Tuesday, 25th November.
+ TAKAOKA MARU .....	Thursday, 11th December.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.	
+ DAKAR MARU .....	Friday, 12th December.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
+ PENANG MARU .....	Saturday, 6th November.
+ HAKODATE MARU .....	Mondays, 8th December.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
+ DURBAN MARU (Calls Keelung).	Wednesday, 28th November.
TANGO MARU (Calls Moji) .....	Sunday, 30th November.
KAMO MARU .....	Tuesday, 2nd December.
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LONDON MARU .....	Sunday, 14th December.
ANDES MARU .....	Wednesday, 24th December, 1930.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
RIO DE JANEIRO MARU .....	Friday, 28th November.
MONTEVIDEO MARU .....	Tuesday, 30th December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SUMATRA MARU (Calls at Karachi) Thursday, 4th December.	
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CANADA MARU .....	Saturday, 6th December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
TACOMA MARU .....	Tuesday, 2nd December.
MADRAS MARU .....	Thursday, 18th December.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER.	
ARABIA MARU (from Shanghai) .....	Monday, 18th December.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
SYDNEY MARU .....	Saturday, 6th December.
(Calls at Wellington & Auckland.)	
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan Ports & Panama.	
HOKUROKU MARU .....	Saturday, 6th December.
LOS ANGELES, PANAMA, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, AND PHILADELPHIA.	
JAPAN PORTS.	
SEATTLE MARU .....	Tuesday, 6th December.
(Calls at Keelung via Amoy.)	
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
HOZAN MARU .....	Sunday, 30th November, Noon.
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	

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## A SORRY TALE.

### SHAREHOLDERS TO GO WITHOUT DIVIDEND.

A sorry tale is unfolded by the directors of the Hazelwood Shipping Company in their report for the year to May 16 last.

Net profits for the year have slumped from \$9,479 to \$894, and once again shareholders are to go without dividend.

The auditors state in their certificate that "the reserve for depreciation of the company's steamships appears to be inadequate."

"Prospects," the directors state, "are not hopeful. There continues to be a large number of ships laid up, and until they are all absorbed there can be no substantial or lasting improvement."



### CUNARD PLANS.

#### HOW THE ATLANTIC RECORD MAY RETURN.

It is because speed pays that the Cunard Company are determined to go ahead with the building of two new liners—possibly the fastest and largest in the world—for the Atlantic service, writes an Evening News correspondent in mail week.

The company believes that it will save money by building the two colossally expensive ships, if those two vessels can do the work that now needs three—Berengaria, Aquitania, and Mauretania.

Each of these three ships does the double journey, from Southampton to New York and back, in three weeks. It is intended that the new ships should do it in two weeks, so that the weekly service can be maintained with only two vessels.

#### High Speeds.

The cost of them will be immense. They will have to be probably the largest ships in the world, not merely in order to carry a very big paying load of passengers, but in order to be able to maintain high speeds against heavy head seas, which are always likely to be encountered on the westward trip.

They must have prodigiously powerful engines. Mauretania is a 24-knot ship, which has done as much as 27 knots. Bremen, which captured the Atlantic record for Germany, and her sister ship Europa have touched very nearly 28 knots. But these new giants will have to be 30-knot vessels, and will probably have an actual absolute maximum speed of 32 knots.

To the first cost of them must be added insurance and running expenses. Even the present great Cunarders burn 5,000 tons of oil fuel on a single, 3,000-mile crossing.

Another problem is the engineering one of maintenance. Experts cannot tell, in advance, whether ships travelling at these amazing speeds will need to be laid up for overhauling more frequently than the present Cunarders, which go into dock for five or six weeks in each year. The actual size of the boats, too, is limited less by engineering considerations than by this docking problem, though some shipping companies have found it worth while subsidising another concern to build a dock to take an extra-large vessel.

#### Enormous Income.

Against this formidable array of expenditure one can confidently set an enormous income. In the first place, the new ships will probably carry even more passengers at a time than the present giants, and it is expected, in shipping circles, that the passenger rates will be even higher than they are now.

But the vitally important point is not merely that these boats will carry a bigger paying load.

It is that they will actually carry a bigger paying load in two weeks than the present boats carry in three. Moreover, it pays enormously to have "the blue ribbon of the Atlantic."

Many countries now are building or contemplating giant ships, Germany, France, Italy, and America. There will be so many of them that not every company will be able to obtain a full load of passengers at the highest rates.

There will always be a full load for the very fastest ships of all, those that are, even by a little, faster and more luxurious than any of their rivals.

The difficulty is that speed is so expensive. After a certain pitch is reached every extra knot costs twice or three times as much as the last. It may even cost as much to add two extra knots to 28 knots as the whole of the 28 knots cost to produce.

#### Saving Hours.

Shipping experts regard 80 knots as essential for a weekly service. The actual time of the crossing, in good weather, would be four days and four nights, but no ship, even in the imagination, can be guaranteed to use its maximum speed throughout the whole length of every voyage, in any weather.

Atlantic billows cannot be disregarded, not even by a hundred thousand tonner. Forty-eight hours is probably the minimum time in which the new ships could regularly discharge and load up again, though Cunarders have at a pinch turned round in 36 hours.

That leaves a bare 24-hour margin for the weather. Fourteen days and nights between one voyage down Southampton Water and the next, it is a staggering thought.

### CAPTAIN COOK'S SEA CHEST.

#### Camera Reveals Works by Artist Companions

#### MINIATURES ON LEATHER.

The camera, which by means of panchromatic photography, has revealed details unnoticed by the human eye, may be the means of bringing a fortune to Mr. D. W. Sumner, who keeps a small sweetshop in Clifton Road, Aston, Birmingham.

Mr. Sumner came into possession, about six months ago, of an old leather-bound chest reputed to be the sea chest which Captain Cook took with him on his momentous voyages a century and half ago, when he circumnavigated the globe.

The chest, which was presented to Captain Joseph Blilcliffe, of Uffleby, Lincolnshire, by Captain Cook's widow, was traced as having been passed to the late Mr. W. H. Elliot then to a Mr. William Alcock, through Mr. John Stafford, of Market Rasen, and again to Mr. Henry Osborne, and finally to Mrs. Clayforth, of Birmingham.

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In 1928—the authorities of the Sydney Museum, Australia, offered £3,000 for the chest provided its claim to be Captain Cook's chest could be authenticated. As its authenticity was merely a matter of word of mouth—the chest had been handed from one generation to another—the offer fell through.

The chest was then sent to the auction room of a London antique dealer, but, because of the lack of definite proof, failed to reach its reserve. Eventually Mr. Sumner, who had heard of the chest's history, purchased it for a few pounds.

While unpacking it he fancied that, looking from certain angles, he could discern miniature paintings on the leather top. He had the top and sides of the chest photographed on panchromatic plates, which are specially sensitive to colours. The photographs revealed that hundreds of miniatures had been painted all over the chest.

When Cook made his historic voyages he took two artists with him. William Hodges, a landscape artist, accompanied him on the second voyage, and S. Webber, another artist, was with him on his third voyage, and it is assumed that they were responsible for the paintings.

Tahiti Native.

Among the pictures revealed by the camera to be painted on the chest is one of Captain Cook, signed "S. W." There is also the name "Endurance," which was the name of one of Cook's ships, and also the name and portrait of Omai, a native of Tahiti, whom Cook brought to England and later returned to his native country.

One of Cook's voyages lasted three years, and the artists were evidently short of material on which to paint, for on the leather top and sides of the chest are portraits of all manner of subjects in queer headresses painted on top of each other, the whole constituting a pictorial record of the inhabitants of the countries visited by Cook before he was murdered in the Hawaiian Islands.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships are in harbour to-day:

Berwick—West wall dock.

Brue—South wall.

Kent—No. 6 buoy.

H.T. Lancashire—North arm.

Marazion—In dock.

Moth—East wall.

Odin and S.M.—In dock.

Otus—In dock.

Medway and Subs.—No. 2 buoy.

Petersfield—North wall.

Serapis—No. 8 buoy.

Sir Lancelot—South wall.

Somme—No. 11 buoy.

Stormcloud—No. 12 buoy.

Suffolk—No. 3 buoy.

Tamar—Basin.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French gunboat.

Mindanao—American gunboat.

Patra—Portuguese gunboat.

Truxton—American gunboat.

#### STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on November 23, p.m., and is due here on November 23, p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlawers from Middlesex, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on December 1.

### FRENCH MINE-LAYER

#### ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST FORMIDABLE SHIPS.

It is reported that the first

French move at the end of the holiday agreement with Italy will be the laying down of an entirely new type of warship at St. Nazaire, a mine-laying cruiser with a displacement of 7,800 tons and a speed of 34 knots, with an armament at least sufficient for her to defend herself against anything that is likely to attack her.

She will be the most formidable vessel of her type in the world, a great advance on any mine-laying cruiser now in commission.

The idea of mine-laying cruisers

was started on a small scale by the end of the 19th century, when they built the Amur and Yenesei, ships which attracted great attention from the naval experts of the time, but which came under cloud when the Yenesei, by carelessness, set on one of her own mine-fields off Port Arthur, and was lost with very heavy casualties.

Two Slow Ships.

Germany revived the idea by

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*KALYAN	9,144	20th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*LAHORE	5,304	27th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RANCHI	16,550	1931. 8th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*JEYPORE	5,318	10th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHMIR	8,985	7th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
COMORIN	15,132	31st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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		1930		
TALMA	10,000	1st Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.	
TAKADA	5,242	6th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.	
SIRDHANA	7,745	25th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.	
TILAWA	10,000	3rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.	
TALAMBA	8,018	15th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.	
TALMA	10,000	3rd Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.	

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## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

		1930		
TANDA	6,956	5th Dec. 4 p.m.	Manila, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1931 2nd Jan.		
NELLORE	6,853	31st Jan.		

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## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

		1930		
SIRDHANA	7,745	2nd Dec.	Ampo, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
RANCHI	16,650	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	9th Dec.	Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yohama.	
TILAWA	10,000	15th Dec.	Ampo, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
*PERIM	7,648	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KASHMIR	8,985	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
TALAMBA	8,018	24th Dec.	Ampo, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yohama.	

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## PASSENGER SHIPS AS WARSHIPS.

### Name and Tonnage League Wants.

### CONVERSION OF PLANES.

Geneva, Yesterday. In regard to the exchange of information respecting armaments and military effectives, the Disarmament Committee to-day by five votes to four, adopted an Italian proposal to include overseas forces of the countries and formations organised on a military basis in separate tables in the returns. It was also adopted by seven votes to three an article providing that the name and tonnage of vessels capable of being converted into warships be communicated to the League Secretariat.

The Committee also adopted an article of the Convention dealing with the conversion of civil aviation for military purposes. Lord Robert Cecil and Signor Massigli stated that the article was of the utmost importance. Count Bernstorff said he was surprised that civil aviation should be mentioned while nothing was done to limit the stocks of military air material or to ensure publicity of them.

### Delegates Leaving.

The Russian Naval Attaché, M. Chelkunsky, has left the Disarmament Committee to resume his duties in Rome. M. Tewfik Rushi, the Turkish Foreign Minister, does not intend to stay until the end of the Committee's sitting, and will shortly leave to confer with Signor Mussolini in Rome.—Reuter.

### Italy and Soviet.

Milan, Yesterday. Considerable interest is attached to the interview between M. Litvinoff and Signor Grandi, lasting for an hour and 40 minutes, at the Prefecture, after which M. Litvinoff returned to his hotel, where Signor Grandi visited him and later he entertained him to dinner at the Prefecture. —Reuter.

## MARINERS WARNED.

### RECLAMATION WORK AT EAST POINT.

The Harbour Master has issued the following notice to mariners. "On and after December 1, 1930, a staging will be placed in Lat: 22 deg. 17' .41" Long: 114 deg. 12' .95" to mark the Western extremity and a point at the Chinese Bathing Club shed in Lat: 22 deg. 17' .39" Long: 114 deg. 12' .13" will mark the Eastern extremity of reclamation work in progress. A red flag by day and a fixed red light by night will be shown at the above positions and shipping navigation in the vicinity is advised that it is dangerous to approach the shore between these two points."

### HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the results of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobson during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

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November 25 to December 1, 1930.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Nov. 25	Standard Time	Standard Time
Dec. 1	11° 47' 47" N.	10° 58' 47" S.
Dec. 2	11° 31' 47" N.	10° 50' 47" S.
Dec. 3	11° 15' 47" N.	10° 32' 47" S.
Dec. 4	11° 00' 47" N.	10° 14' 47" S.
Dec. 5	10° 45' 47" N.	9° 56' 47" S.
Dec. 6	10° 30' 47" N.	9° 38' 47" S.
Dec. 7	10° 15' 47" N.	9° 20' 47" S.
Dec. 8	10° 00' 47" N.	9° 02' 47" S.
Dec. 9	9° 45' 47" N.	8° 44' 47" S.
Dec. 10	9° 30' 47" N.	8° 26' 47" S.
Dec. 11	9° 15' 47" N.	8° 08' 47" S.
Dec. 12	9° 00' 47" N.	7° 50' 47" S.
Dec. 13	8° 45' 47" N.	7° 32' 47" S.
Dec. 14	8° 30' 47" N.	7° 14' 47" S.
Dec. 15	8° 15' 47" N.	6° 56' 47" S.
Dec. 16	8° 00' 47" N.	6° 38' 47" S.
Dec. 17	7° 45' 47" N.	6° 20' 47" S.
Dec. 18	7° 30' 47" N.	6° 02' 47" S.
Dec. 19	7° 15' 47" N.	5° 44' 47" S.
Dec. 20	7° 00' 47" N.	5° 26' 47" S.
Dec. 21	6° 45' 47" N.	5° 08' 47" S.
Dec. 22	6° 30' 47" N.	4° 50' 47" S.
Dec. 23	6° 15' 47" N.	4° 32' 47" S.
Dec. 24	6° 00' 47" N.	4° 14' 47" S.
Dec. 25	5° 45' 47" N.	3° 56' 47" S.
Dec. 26	5° 30' 47" N.	3° 38' 47" S.
Dec. 27	5° 15' 47" N.	3° 20' 47" S.
Dec. 28	5° 00' 47" N.	3° 02' 47" S.
Dec. 29	4° 45' 47" N.	2° 54' 47" S.
Dec. 30	4° 30' 47" N.	2° 36' 47" S.
Dec. 31	4° 15' 47" N.	2° 18' 47" S.

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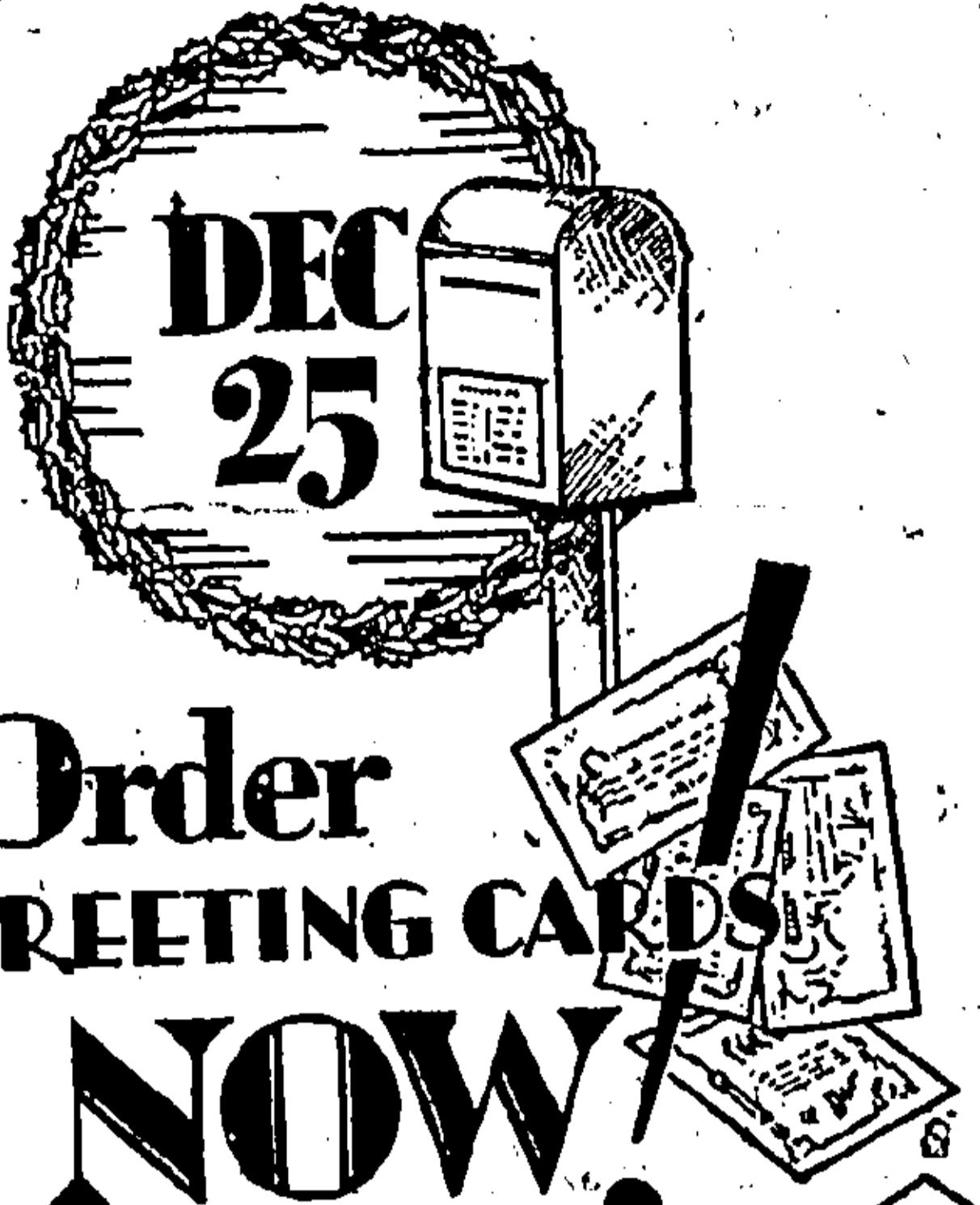
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**Red-Tape Trammels.**

Nominations close to-morrow for the election of one unofficial member of the Sanitary Board. Outside the ranks of the prospective nominees and their immediate circle of friends, it is to be feared that no great stir is being created. This is not because there is an absence of the civic spirit in our midst, but rather on account of the fact that the Sanitary Board has no final say in regard to its own decisions. Every trivial thing, whether unanimity prevails or otherwise, must be referred to the Government for confirmation or rejection. Do the Sanitary Board desire to publish placards illustrative of the menace of flies and mosquitoes, they are impotent to give effect to such a laudable idea: the resolution must, willy-nilly, be referred to the Government—and ignominiously turned down as not in accord with its wishes! Do the Sanitary Board wish to express their views on any subject under the sun in relation to sanitation, these views must be formally forwarded to the Government for its endorsement or condemnation. The Sanitary Board are not permitted to have a mind of their own. They are bound hand and foot by the formalism and autocracy of the Government. It is little wonder that unofficial members get a little tired of an antiquated system of this nature, and that they yearn for a little freedom of action. They can think what they like in regard to the various topics on the agenda; they may give intelligent expression

to what they think; they may proffer helpful suggestions; they may even vote for or against propositions discussed; but there their usefulness as part and parcel of a public body ceases automatically. They have ultimately to yield to the dictates of the Government, be the Government right or be the Government wrong. It is little cause for wonder, therefore, that the Sanitary Board resemble the Disarmament Conference in Geneva from the Soviet angle: it is "not attractive enough to the citizen who aspires to win his spurs in the arena of civic administration. The trammels of red tape repress and subdue any good citizen with any consciousness of the vital importance of civic duties. They are a deterrent to personal enterprise and initiative. They blanket the best that is in a man, no matter how much he may be imbued with that public-spiritedness so essential to the progress of a community.

These observations are by no means intended to discourage any of the prospective nominees for election to the Sanitary Board at the present juncture; but, rather, intended to point out the system that they will be up against should they be elected by a majority of eligible voters. The successful nominee will deserve not the congratulations but the sympathies of his supporters in offering himself as a martyr on the altar of an antiquated Government-ridden public body.

At the same time the keenest critics of the existing disorder of things cannot be wholly permeated by pessimism. The Sanitary Board has the redeeming feature of being open to the Press. Its discussions and deliberations are not carried on behind closed doors. Every debate and every vote are faithfully chronicled in the Press for the benefit of the whole community. The latter are thus enabled to appraise both the work of unofficial members and the attitude thereto of the Government, and formulate their own opinions as to which are right and which are wrong. The community are likewise enabled to form definite views as to the suitability of an unofficial member for public duties in this and other directions. After all, perhaps we should be grateful for this little crumb of comfort in a Colony where the "franchise" is so remarkably limited, in which case we may be expected to laud the good Government to the skies for most graciously condescending to permit two unofficial members to be elected by a limited number of ratepayers!

The hearing was resumed before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court yesterday, of the charges of conspiracy to commit arson brought against the proprietor of the Tin Sang Tong firm, of 77, Winglok Street, his son and two employees.

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The hearing was adjourned.

**News in Brief.**

A concert is being held in the Lee Theatre to-morrow evening in aid of the establishment of a laboratory in Hwa Nan College, Ice House Street.

A Chinese woman named Leung Yau (31), living at 31, Wing Shing Street, committed suicide yesterday by drinking lye. She was removed unconscious to the Government Civil Hospital, where she died soon after admission.

Wu Fook was to-day charged before Mr. H. R. Butters in the Kowloon Court with having caused to be printed an announcement relating to a Macao po piu lottery at 374, Reclamation Street, Yau Ma Tei. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

Mr. H. R. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning sentenced a Chinese to eight months' hard labour for having disobeyed his deportation order from the Colony. Defendant stated that he had heard of the death of his father, and had come down here for the purpose of taking his wife back to the country.

**TOMMIES CHEERED.****BORDERERS WELCOMED TO THE COLONY.****DELIGHTFUL CONCERT.**

At the "Cheero" (City Hall) the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods entertained the 1st Battalion of the South Wales Borderers to welcome them to Hong Kong. The two artists, who have been designated the "Soldiers' Favourites" fully justified the title for the hall rang with thunderous applause as the artists (who are heard to seldom) were in their best vein, putting over as they alone can do the latest Hollywood hits, and having to accede to encore after encore.

They were ably assisted by Mr. G. W. True, who played the piano in a marvellous "Jazz" way, calling for enthusiastic applause. Mr. W. J. Geall was at his best and succeeded in keeping the audience in roars of laughter. Altogether it was a brilliant success, and Mr. Brown, at the close, called for three cheers for the artists which was responded to most heartily. The Misses Woods brought the concert to a close with "Good-bye, Boys." Contributed.

**DR. TAGORE ILL.****SPECIALIST'S GRAVE VIEW OF CASE.**

A message from Newhaven, Connecticut, states that Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian poet and educationist, has cancelled all his American engagements owing to heart trouble. Specialists examined him and ordered a complete rest. It is understood that he will return to India as soon as he can safely make the journey.

Dr. H. M. Marvin states:—"It is imperative that Dr. Tagore be placed immediately in a position where he can secure the type of rest he needs."

Dr. Marvin adds that he has understated rather than overstated the seriousness of the situation.

**ALLEGED ARSON.**

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**LAID TO REST.**

The funeral of Mr. Reynaldo A. Rosario, of the Netherlands India Bank, whose tragic death as the result of a cycling accident on Sunday morning was reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, last evening.

There was a very large attendance, including the foreign and local staffs of the Bank.

The Portuguese community turned out in force to show its sympathy to the deceased's parents, nine brothers and four sisters, and other relatives. The Very Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada officiated at the graveside.

There was a large number of floral tributes.

**CHANGES AT CHARING CROSS.****LION CUBS BORN AT THE ZOO.****ARRIVALS FROM THE EAST INDIES.**

London, Sept. 27.

The pair of young lions which breed at the Zoo last year have again produced a litter of three. The mother and cubs will be kept strictly private for some weeks, in a space in the corridor of the lion house, provided with radiant electric light and heat. The mother may be expected to bring out her babies occasionally to the open-air cage attached to the east end of the lion house before long, but, as she did last year, she will probably take them back at once if visitors seem too curious.

The Society has bought from Mr. Frost, the collector who has just returned from the islands of the Malayan Archipelago, a Babirusa, or wild hog of Celebes, and several interesting birds, some of which are new to the collection. The Babirusa, or deer hog, is a bluish, almost hairless animal found only in Celebes and the Buru Islands, where it frequents wet jungles. It has two pairs of very long, backwardly curved tusks. Those of the upper jaw grow vertically through the upper lip and then curve backwards, growing continuously until they form a spiral curve. Those of the lower jaw also also vertically and curve backwards, but never grow so long. They are seldom imported, and the Society has been without an example for many years, but in 1884 a pair bred and reared a single young one.

Among the birds, the most splendid are a Sunbird's Magnificent Bird-of-Paradise from New Guinea, and its near ally, Wilson's Bird-of-Paradise, from the island of Waigau. The former has a brown head and under surface, green throat and breast shield, a large blue cape of straw-yellow on the shoulders, and two of the tall feathers transformed into long curved steel-blue "wires." The latter has similar tail-shafts, but has the feet and a naked blue head ornamented by bars of short brown feathers. A Papuan frogmouth, new to the collection, is a very large ally of the night-jar, with soft mottled plumage and an enormous mouth beset with hair-like bristles. A pair of rose-breasted fruit pigeons, and another of Celebes doves, also represent species never before exhibited in London. Two Sumatran peacocks pheasants, new to the collection, are brown and buff, with purple and black tints on the tail, and with the eyespots much less conspicuous than in the peacock pheasants usually exhibited. A very rare bird, although examples have been received before, is a Pitta, or ant-thrush, from New Guinea. Pittas are stoutly built birds with strong bills and short tails, and with a variegated plumage with many vivid patches of colour. They are rather larger than thrushes, with which they have no kinship, and live chiefly on the ground in thick jungle.

**ADMIRAL DEAD.****MAN WHO DEFENDED BELGRADE.**

The death of Rear-Admiral Picot occurred recently at Toulon.

Commander Picot, as he then was, played a valiant part in Serbia in 1915. Ordered to Belgrade with a detachment of marines and two 160-millimetre naval guns, he did excellent work in holding up the Austrian attack.

When Belgrade was abandoned, Commander Picot destroyed his guns, and after fighting with his marines an infantry in the Serbian Army finally separated from it to retreat along the mountainous valley of the Morava, whence he emerged with his men at Salonic to the astonishment and admiration of all.

The club bore was on the warpath again.

"Yes," he drawled, "many are the wonderful holidays I've spent abroad, and I've had a good many adventures, too. While I was in America I hunted bear."

"Good heavens!" cried a youthful member; "but didn't you get awfully cold?"

**Ten Years Ago.**

[From the "China Mail" of November 25, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 3/6.

Examination in dry dock of the U.S. Shipping Board a.s. Lake Faulk, which was stranded on a reef in the Parcels, and afterward brought to Hong Kong, shows that the vessel suffered comparatively little injury. A few plates were damaged, and will have to be replaced. The work will be completed shortly.

## ROYAL SCOTS.

HOW TIENSIN BADE THEM FAREWELL.

## A ROUND OF GAIETY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tientsin, Nov. 14. The Royal Scots are having a busy round of social and sporting activities in Tientsin prior to their departure from the Northern Port this month when they will be relieved by the Queen's Loyal Regiment which was popular when garrisoned in Hong Kong.

On November 9 the Royal Scots were given a Farewell Concert at the Union Jack Club, Tientsin. The evening commenced at 7.30 with a Service of Song led by Rev. Norton, C.F., and at 8 p.m. Mr. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, produced the man's committal warrant and his record, also a report submitted to H.E. the Governor. This stated that the Chief Warden had reported prisoner for continuous misconduct. He had seven adverse reports against him in four months.

## STABBING CHARGE.

## PRISONER ALLEGES ILL TREATMENT.

## "A LAST EXTREMITY."

Accusations of ill-treatment by jail officers were made before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Court yesterday, at the resumed trial of Chi Siu-ching, who is charged with stabbing Acting Principal Warden Bert Plumbe on October 22.

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## A Final Chance.

Prisoner had been given a final chance, but deliberately misbehaved on October 17, 19, and 21. On the last occasion it was alleged that he rang the bell in his cell for about half an hour, creating considerable disturbance.

## Wanted a Bath!

In reply to the charge, prisoner had stated that he rang his bell to get a bath. Warden Murphy had refused him, as did Acting Principal Warden Plumbe later. He alleged that Mr. Plumbe tried to strike him with a ruler.

Both officials had sworn that prisoner was not entitled to any bath at the time according to usual routine, Warden Plumbe adding that he had cautioned the prisoner repeatedly. He denied the man's allegation as to an attempted assault.

## Conspiracy of Officers.

When asked if he had any questions to put, prisoner alleged that the Superintendent of Prisons had listened to a "conspiracy of officers" against him. He described his punishments as unfair. He also alleged that on occasions he was not allowed to talk.

This latter charge Mr. Franks said was not correct, according to his own recollection.

Acting Principal Warden Plumbe was then re-called, and gave his story of the circumstances, which in the main was a complete refutation of prisoner's allegations. Defendant further alleged that he had been a victim of continuous ill-treatment, and had been driven to the stabbing as a last extremity.

Mr. Dovey, having given medical evidence as to the wounds, the hearing was again adjourned.



"But you offered that picture for five pounds last month."

"Yes, but think how the cost of living has gone up."

Buen Humor, Madrid.

## SPEAKERS AND THE WOOLSAK.

## To the Editor, Coulson and Purley Times.]

Sir.—With reference to Miss Helen M. Cam's reply which appeared in your issue of the 10th instant to Mr. Hart Maze's letter, which you published on the 3rd idem, concerning Speakers of the House of Commons who became Lord Chancellors of England, I beg to acquaint you that Sir John Mitford, the Tory Member for Northumberland, who was elected Speaker on the 11th February, 1801, was appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland in 1802 on the death of Lord Clare. Mitford, afterwards Baron Redesdale, was the last Speaker to be transferred to the Judicial Bench on vacating the Chair. His salary in Ireland was £10,000 per annum, with a retiring pension of £4,000 a year.

Before suspending my pen, I wish to mention that I much enjoyed reading Mr. Hart Maze's entertaining allusion to the Tudor matron's "praiseworthy execution of her spousal duty," and also his copious reference to Sir Richard Rich's sixteen bairns! What joyous repasts Rich's breakfasts must have been, with his beaming lady and her brood of merry little girls and lively small boys around his bountiful table—joy never chilled by the awful feeling that somewhere in the neighbourhood the terrible Philip Snowdon was lurking with his hungry and ever-open eye on their Daddy's (in gloriously) big and bulging money bags!

M. E. T.

London, S.W.

London, October 3. A wealth of art treasures, the existence of which was for long unsuspected, is now on view at University College, London.

The basis of the collection was bequeathed to the College nearly 70 years ago by the historian, George Grote, who was a member of the original Council of University College.

The bequest, comprising a collection of drawings, engravings, and etchings by old masters, was carefully stored away, and when, at the beginning of the present century, another bequest of pictures was made, nearly all joined the Grote collection in the safe where they had remained many years.

About a year ago, however, the Council decided to investigate the contents of the safe and were astonished and gratified to find they had been storing art treasures of great worth, including Rembrandt prints, Turners, Van Dycks, De Wits, Durers and Monograms.

They are now housed in a gallery specially designed for their reception.

A talk film is shortly to be made at the Associated Sound Film Industries studios, in English and French, of "The Bells," in which Sir Henry Irving achieved one of his greatest triumphs.

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## CHANNEL CROSSING.

## FROM CAESAR'S TIME TO THE PRESENT DAY.

## SCIENTISTS' CLAIM.

London, Sept. 5. Caesar crossed the English Channel in 55 B.C. in approximately 5 hours. Miss Gertrude Ederle swam the Channel in August, 1929, in 14 hours and 34 minutes.

A regular Channel steamer completed the crossing in August, 1929, in 51 minutes and 37 seconds. Imperial Airways commercial planes during the 1930 season have averaged 12 minutes in actual flying time over the Channel.

The above times for Channel crossings show what modern transportation has done for man.

Caesar, in his 128 man-oared galley, would prove weak competition for Squadron-Leader H. R. D. Waghorn and his championship 1929, 4,000 horse power Schneider Cup aeroplane which could complete the crossing in 3 minutes and 27 seconds.

Caesar left Boulogne following an early luncheon in his galley manned by 64 oars, with two men to an oar, and with the assistance of three large sails arrived on the coast of Kent in time for tea, but, of course, found none ready!

The First Crossing.

No one knows just when the first Channel crossing was made. Scientists claim the English Channel is a comparatively recent geological formation.

They say the land connection between England and the Continent was not finally severed until the later part of the Pleistocene period.

Pre-historic man may have made love, built his home and hunted, where the English Channel now cuts England away from the Continent.

Since Caesar's first crossing in the summer of 55 B.C., a number of freak crossings have been made. Some of them have advanced safe transportation methods—others have been attempts similar to flagpole or tree sitting and non-stop dancing crazes.

A French engineer, Mathieu, first proposed a Channel tunnel. His idea was, for a time, favourably considered by Napoleon. Since that time dozens of plans—such as ferries for whole trains, bridges high enough to allow any liner to pass under them, tubes resting on the ocean bed, and tunnels under the sea—have been suggested.

In August, 1875, Capt. Matthew Webb swam the Channel in 21 hours and 45 minutes. He was the first person officially reported to have crossed the Channel by swimming from shore to shore.

Miss Gertrude Ederle was the first woman to make a successful swimming crossing and her time stood as the record until the German baker, Herr Hans Vierkotter, broke it with a swim of 12 hours and 30 minutes.

In 1785, a Frenchman and an Englishman succeeded in crossing in a balloon.

M. Bleriot's Feat.

M. Bleriot, in 1909, inaugurated the swiftest modern method by flying the Channel in a heavier-than-air machine. Another Frenchman crossed on an ordinary push-bike, equipped with two light floats. The Spaniard, La Cerva, has made several crossings in his wind-mill-like auto-giro.

Another adventurer did the double journey on a motor-cycle fitted with floats and propeller gear.

Two Austrian students paddled across in a 14-feet rubber canoe, and another adventurer of the same nationality crossed in a collapsible boat.

A submarine has done the trip as far as the depth of water would permit. The Channel at its mouth, between Ushant and the Scilly Isles, is about 100 fathoms deep, but between Dover and the Continent the depth varies from 15 to 60 fathoms.

Mr. C. W. Mason, o: Dover, on August 29, 1930, rowed a punt carrying three children from Dover to Cape Gris-Nez in 7 hours and 30 minutes. After a rest of several hours he started on the return journey at 4.40 p.m. and arrived back at Dover at 1.45 a.m.

There are probably a number of ways which still remain to be tried. One is walking across on a pair of water shoes. Another is tramping over the sea-bottom in diving kit.

Most present-day attempts are made over the 21-mile course from Dover to the Continent.

Cæsar chose the route from Boulogne to Folkestone, which is 26 miles. He probably landed between Sandgate and Winchelsea on the coast of Kent.

Mrs. Emma Clark, of Wordsworth Road, Stoke Newington N. had a 50s. cheque and £2 in notes snatched from her by a man when she was about to pay the money over the counter of a Kingsland (E.) bank, and the man escaped after a chase.

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

London, Sept. 5.

Social Functions. To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-day—St. Andrew's Society Practice dance, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

To-night—R.A.O.C. dance, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Concert in Lee Theatre in aid of the establishment of a laboratory in Kwa Nan College, Ice House Street.

November 27—Ladies' Recreation Club "At Home."

November 28—St. Andrew's Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Entertainments. To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Navy Blues."

To-day—Central Theatre, "The Wild Party."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Lion and the Mouth."

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Dove."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "The Man and the Moment."

To-night—Violoncello Recital, Madlle Adele Clement, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Theatre Royal—Concert in aid of Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, 9.15 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Athos II); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from America and ports (Taivo Maru); from Europe via Negapatam (Menethus); Outward for Europe via Vancouver, B.C., 5 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (Empress of Japan).

Meeting.

To-morrow—League of Nations Society inaugural meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Lammetts' Auctions.

November 27—At Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

November 28—At 4, Peak Mansions, the Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

## GREAT LAKES MYSTERY.

## Historic Wreck Thought to Have Been Found.

Two hundred and fifty years ago an impecunious but adventurous explorer, Rene Robert, Sieur de la Salle, built a boat on the Great Lakes. On it he pinned his hopes of opening a way to the newly-found Mississippi River, but before he reached those distant waters he meant to gather a rich cargo of furs for his boat with which to pay his creditors in Montreal.

The vessel was called Le Griffon. It disappeared in the same year in which it was constructed, 1679, carrying down with it the furs and La Salle's immediate hopes of financial solvency. It was the first commercial vessel on the Great Lakes, and for two and a half centuries its disappearance has been the lakes' greatest mystery.

This mystery, however, is likely soon to be solved. An old wreck barge beneath the waters of Mississagi Strait, Manitoulin Island, is believed to be that of Le Griffon. Local sailors are strongly of this opinion. The Ontario Department of Public Works, which refused to allow an expedition from the United States to salvage the wreck, has now granted permission to three Canadians to undertake the task. The party is fully equipped for the undertaking, and the identity of the wreck will soon be brought to light.

"I wish to make it clear that my step-daughter, Mary, who it is stated, has been left £2,000, had the main part of her settlement made upon her years ago by my husband. As to the future, the whole family will do its utmost to carry on the good work that my husband had to leave.

"Never, as long as there is breath in my body, shall I cease to work for the cause of spiritualism.

Son's Dedication.

"I have been asked whether I shall devote some of the money left to me personally by my husband for this purpose. My answer is that I shall work behind the scenes. I do not like to work in public.

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## I.R.C. PROSPECTS FOR THE “DOUBLE”

### PEREIRA'S VICTIMS

### CIVIL SERVANTS WEAK IN THE ATTACK.

### UNIVERSITY'S PLIGHT

[By "Second Slip."]

Continuing last week's resume of the prospects of the First Division League Clubs, I intend dealing this week with the Indian Recreation Club, the Civil Service Cricket Club and the University.

Taking the I.R.C. under the microscope we have revealed to us a team of youth and promise. In some circles the I.R.C. are regarded as the strongest combination for the "double"—their first eleven are indisputably strong, and their second eleven have experienced no difficulty in claiming maximum points in their five League matches. Yes, it will be a great fight between the Indians and Craigen-

batsmen. Sayer has seen his best days long ago, but he is still a force to be reckoned with.

Richardson, on the other hand, has quite a long career in front of him and with care should develop into a splendid batsman.

He has an easy style and a good stance, and if he does not hit the ball hard he knows where it is going, and practice should bring him fours instead of his present singles. F. J. de Rome is another batsman who serves his purpose admirably when in a crisis.

I feel that he is a little slow for any of the first three positions in the batting order as League

cricket has very restricted hours of play; yet he might prove a great help in wearing down the attack for the later batsmen to hit fiercely, but I don't quite see

who else is going to knock up many runs in quick time unless perhaps D. R. Kelly or R. M. Wood get going.

The bowling is definitely weak.

If Kelly would only keep his bowling on the off side he would reap a far greater reward than he is doing at the moment.

He has a nasty swing which comes very late, and concentrated effort on the off

peg would make him a most difficult bowler to play.

He is not fast enough to prevent liberties being taken.

The other members of the attack are uninspiring and give little hope for championship honours in the direction of the Civil Service this year.

The Club have yet to play their first League match of the season.

The University this year seem to be playing the weakest eleven they have fielded for many years.

D. J. N. Anderson has struck a bad patch, and this, I fear, has had a

moral effect on the other players.

Anderson is a batsman who takes time to settle down and, consequently, is open to attack in his

first three or four overs.

A little enterprise in the early part of his

innings would perhaps bring him

more runs, as there is little doubt

that he is a polished batsman.

A. M. Rodrigues is, perhaps,

the most promising recruit.

His batting is a delight to watch, his

style being so unaffected and free.

He is very strong on the leg side

and punishes unmercifully the

bowler who sends down a loose one

on that side.

His off driving lacks

power as yet, but there is plenty of

time for improvement in this

direction.

A. B. Suleiman and A.

Baker may improve as the season

progresses, but they must refrain

from that disastrous habit of

nibbling at the off ball if they are

to make many runs.

The bowling is far from being

useful.

Anderson will probably

have to bear the brunt of many a

long afternoon in the field.

Baker bowls a peculiar delivery, suspiciously like a no-ball, and though he

keeps a reasonably good length,

he does not strike terror into the

batman. C. W. Lam does offer

some ray of hope, as he sends

down some first rate deliveries,

though these are too often intermingled with balls deserving the

severest punishment, and thus

proves himself an expensive bowler.

If he could master a length, which

to a slow bowler is so essential, he

might be the cause of more than

one side's collapse.

The fielding of the side is both

keen and energetic. No short

riffs are given away, and few

catches are dropped in the field.

The "powers that be" are

evidently now of opinion that the

clubs have a legitimate case, for

in this particular match the

English League authorities have

suspected the players called upon.

This is a sensible step forward,

and the solution of the problem

will no doubt be on these lines. It

needs to be solved, for no one

certainly desires to see the play-

ers with ambition—and which of them

has not deprived of the opportu-

nity to play for his country, ad-

missioned to himself and his club?

Even from the mercenary view

it is bad policy to rob a player of

such merit to settle a few small

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Parcels for Canada	3 p.m.	Empress of Japan	Victoria, B.C., and Seattle Dec. 12
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Canada & U.S.A.	4.15 p.m.	do.	do.
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## INWARD MAIIS

From	To	Per	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
Straits	Cremer		
Calcutta and Straits	Sui Sang		
Batavia	Tjikarang		
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.	Oostkirk		
Shanghai	Shanghai and Swatow		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 30)	Sui Yang		
JAPAN	Taiyo Maru		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.			
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only London October 30) and Parcels (October 23)	Menestheus		
Japan	Rio de Janeiro Maru		
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.			
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only London October 30)	Hong Peng		
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.			
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Oct. 31)	President Garfield		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30.	Pres. Taft.		
Manila	Dairen and Amoy		
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1.	Tjisnatak		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Nov. 8)	Chichibu Maru		

## OUTWARD MAIIS

For	To	Per	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.
Formosa	Asuka Maru	3.30 p.m.	
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	4 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hector (Due Marseilles, Dec. 24.) G.P.O.		
K.P.O.	Registration Nov. 25, 4.30 p.m.		
Letters	Nov. 25, 5 p.m.		
Swatow	Cremer	5 p.m.	
Amoy	Sui Sang	5 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.			
Lancashire	10 a.m.		
Amoy	Tjikarang	10 a.m.	
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Oldenburg	1.30 p.m.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 12.) Parcels	Nov. 26, 3 p.m.	
Amoy	Registration Nov. 26, 4.15 p.m.		
Protestous	Letters	5 p.m.	
(Due Victoria, B.C., Dec. 23.) Parcels	Empress of Japan (Due Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 12.) Parcels	Nov. 26, 5 p.m.	
Amoy	Registration Nov. 27, 9.45 a.m.		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.	Letters	10.30 a.m.	
Holbow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.	
Sandakan	Mau Sang	10.30 a.m.	
Swatow	Hydrangea	3 p.m.	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.			
Saligon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa and *South American Ports	Rio de Janeiro Maru	9.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	1 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru (Due Marseilles, Dec. 27.) G.P.O.		
K.P.O.	Registration Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.		
Letters	Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29.	Pres. Taft. (Due San Francisco December 23.) Parcels	8 p.m.	
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, C. and S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Registrations	4.15 p.m.	
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## DELIGHTS OF A VIVARIUM.

## Lizard and Regrowth of Tails.

## CURIOUS RESEARCH.

Before the war, before several wars, in point of fact, before the little Franco-Prussian affair, there was a fashion in Britain, writes "Eland" in the Siam Observer. The land was like the globe, divided up between land and water. Anyone with an approach to ton had to have either an aquarium or a vivarium, just as to-day you must have an apidarium or a rubber plant. The aquaria were usually stocked with gold-fish, though the more patriotic kept things of the home breed such as sticklebacks, or newts—they called the latter "askels" down my way, and everyone swore they were poisonous. But generally they were rather messy things, prone to be neglected, and their inmates left to perish. It was rather different with the vivaria. Those you could cultivate moss or ferns in, and keep frogs, lizards, snakes, butterflies and all sorts of things and learn a good deal of natural history thereby. And they were certainly much less trouble to look after than were the aquaria for various reasons.

In The Tropics.

The aquarium, d'fact to look after at home, seems even more so in the tropics. But the vivarium is really a delight here, as the variety of things you can keep in it is great. And it is not difficult to make with four pieces of plate glass, some wire gauze, some sheet zinc and a little wood. It is an excellent thing to cultivate minute botanical specimens in and there is a positive host of the smaller insects and animals whose habits and ways can be readily observed in it, so that it seems rather curious why so few people keep them. At anyrate during a fairly long residence here I have only seen two or three, and even then they seemed to be decidedly neglected.

The reason why I mention this is because I wanted to find out something about the regrowth of lizards' tails—I mean those of our domestic friend and benefactor, the little gecko known as the chin-chok. For some reason or other the little animals in my domicile seemed to have a sort of epidemic of taillessness. It mattered not what size they were, it seemed that they all of them lost their caudal appendages. I have never discovered the cause of this, but I have found out one thing, and that is, that it takes them, whatever their age, sex or size the best part of two months before the new tail is symmetrical with the rest of the animal—doesn't look like a misfit, if you put it that way.

Tailless Lizards.

I started off with observing three of varied size who had one and all emulated the animals of Little Bo Peep, and had obviously been abbreviated quite recently. In no case did they show any sign of growing a new tail for about three weeks, when it began to shoot forth. At first it was almost transparent and pinky-hued, and looked to be oily on the surface but it gradually deepened in hue. It grew at the rate of about half an inch a week in the case of a full-grown chin-chok and at about the same pace in proportion with the younger ones. In each case it did not begin to get mottled with the same hues as the rest of the lizard.

I was rather interested to know how often this growth of a new tail would repeat itself, and though I don't know how many times this will really happen I know it will twice. One lizard I was observing, just as its new tail end had about attained its full development got it bitten off again, just behind its hind legs. In about seven weeks it had a complete new one. I suppose it was rather wicked of me, but I amputated that one. I was rather surprised to note that the third tail seemed to grow far

## A WORLD-WIDE APPEAL.

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## TO EXTEND BARTS.

The Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew, London, known the world over as Barts, which has been in existence for eight centuries, is now making its first universal public appeal for assistance to carry out the great scheme of reconstruction and extension upon which it has embarked.

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The Concern of Colonies.

These are a few of the reasons why it can be said with truth that this is not an ordinary hospital appeal. One other reason worthy of mention is that more than half the patients in Barts come from outside the London area. They come from all over the British Isles and even from the Dominions and Colonies, so that this appeal is just as much the concern of Yorkshire, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales as it is of every town in the country yes, and of every Colony and Protectorate, and of the men and women in every out-post of our Empire.

One way of helping is to name a bed, which means a donation of \$1,000. Only 75 out of 740 beds at Barts have been thus named. True, times are hard, but it is a fact that last year—taking only bequests of over \$100,000—419 persons left between them a total sum of \$105,000, of which less than 1 per cent. was left to charities.

It becomes obvious, therefore, that British citizens still possess a sufficiency of means to see to it that the splendid work which has been carried on at Barts since the days of Henry I. shall not suffer or be impeded at the present time through lack of adequate financial support. The great majority are not in a position to name beds, but there are tens of thousands who will doubtless feel it their duty to subscribe something in response to what is undoubtedly an exceptional appeal on behalf of one of the most historic institutions the world has ever known.

more rapidly than either of its predecessors and then just as it had attained its full development, science (or curiosity) being satisfied, I let it go. However, it did not seem to resent the treatment it had received, for it hung about the vivarium for months afterwards and, if I am not mistaken, abides there still.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

## On London—

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New York ..... 4.85 19/32

Brussels ..... 34.83 1/2

Geneva ..... 25.66

Amsterdam ..... 12.06 1/2

Milan ..... 92.76 1/2

Berlin ..... 20.37

Stockholm ..... 18.00 1/2

Copenhagen ..... 18.16

Oslo ..... 18.18

Vienna ..... 34.49 1/2

Prague ..... 163 1/2

Helsingfors ..... 193

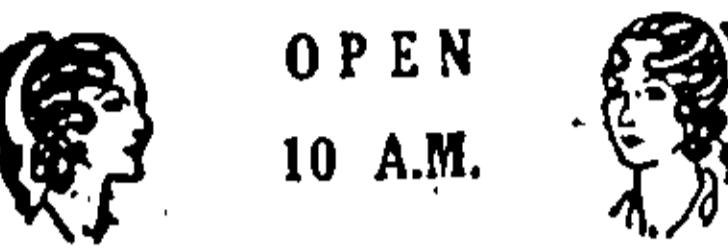
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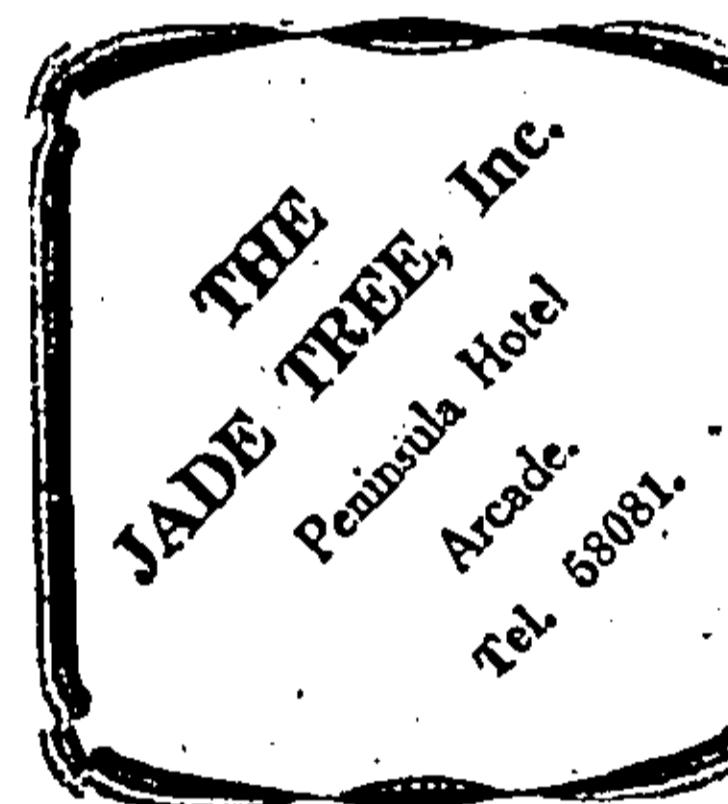
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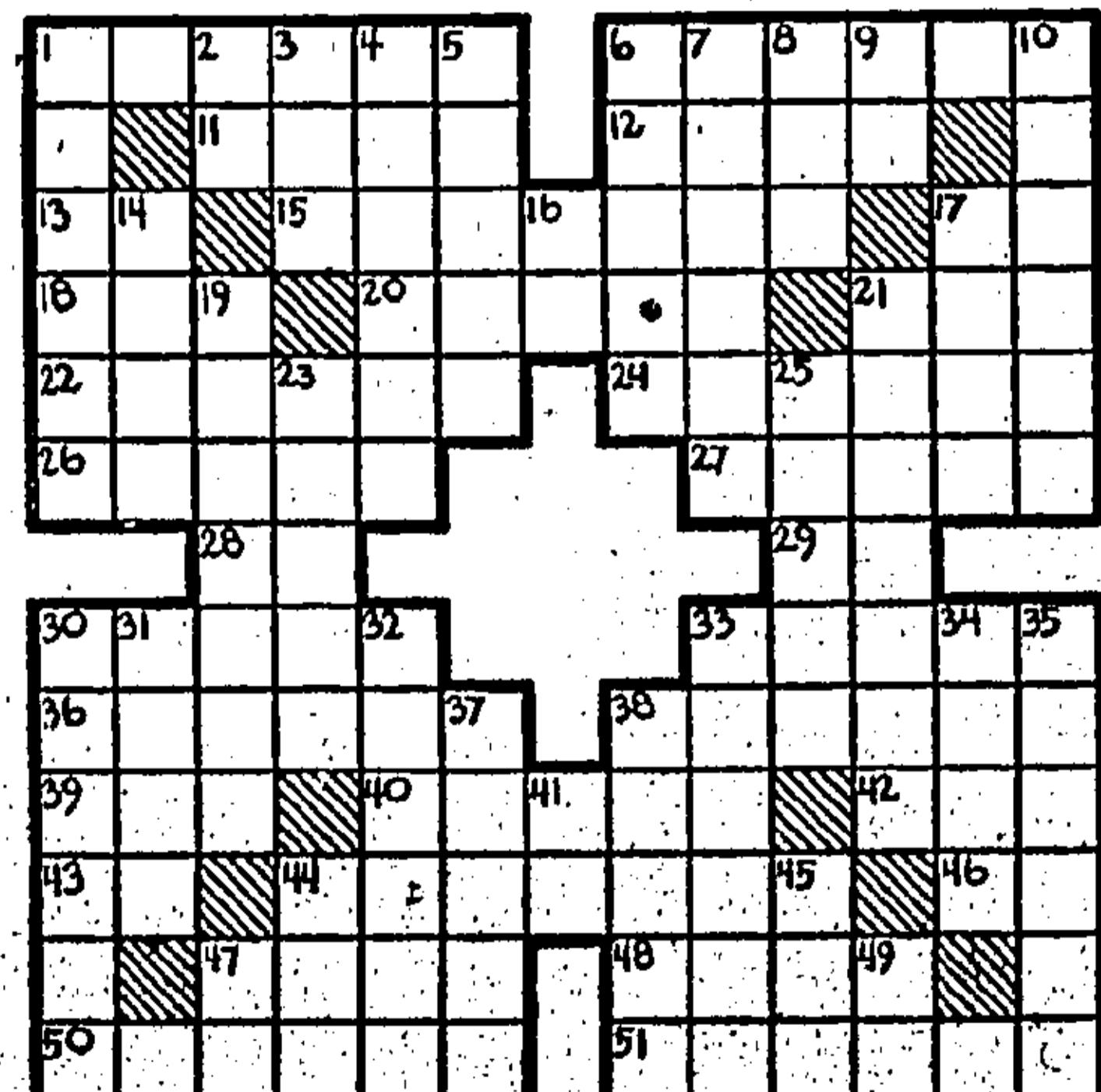
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, play, and al'ho.)



**HORIZONTAL**

- 1-Madam (Fr.)
- 6-Bavre
- 11-A compass
- 12-Deep holes
- 13-Father
- 15-Feminine of "Year"
- 17-Musical note
- 18-Cover
- 20-Tray
- 21-Ocean of Nesting
- 22-Canceled
- 24-Frees from faults
- 25-An ecclesiastical couch
- 27-Assent
- 28-Measure of weight (abbr.)
- 29-S. Atlantic State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 30-Bottom of jet
- 32-Royal
- 33-In duck blind (Mus.)
- 34-Somewhat
- 35-Code (abbr.)
- 36-Section (abbr.)
- 37-Week (abbr.)

**VERTICAL**

- 42-City in north extremity of Palestine (abbr.)
- 43-Sumx, loosely, ar oil
- 44-Boats
- 45-No date (abbr.)
- 47-A nurse for children (Anglo and)
- 48-Ar. intoxicating drink
- 50-Indian huts
- 51-An excuse for non-appearance, as in court
- 52-Tree (pl.)
- 53-Degrees (abbr.)
- 54-Holy Island
- 55-Assimilate
- 56-African antelope
- 57-Sleepily
- 58-Glyptograph
- 59-Week (abbr.)
- 60-City of England
- 61-Affidavit
- 62-Balengurment
- 63-Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 64-Holy Mother Church (Lat.-abor.)
- 65-Code distress signal
- 66-A month (abbr.)
- 67-Depart
- 68-Coast
- 69-City of England
- 70-Affidavits
- 71-Balengurment
- 72-Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 73-Holy Mother Church (Lat.-abor.)
- 74-Breazy
- 75-Egyptian sun god
- 76-Wither
- 77-Sprung loosely
- 78-Exasperated
- 79-Urged
- 80-now shoot on a plough
- 81-Vernal
- 82-Stripe
- 83-Horsemen
- 84-Islands off Irish coast
- 85-City of England
- 86-Affidavits
- 87-Balengurment
- 88-Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 89-Holy Mother Church (Lat.-abor.)
- 90-City of England
- 91-Affidavits
- 92-Balengurment
- 93-Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 94-Holy Mother Church (Lat.-abor.)
- 95-City of England
- 96-Affidavits
- 97-Balengurment
- 98-Liquid measure (abbr.)
- 99-Holy Mother Church (Lat.-abor.)
- 100-City of England

The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.

## RADIO TOPICS

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres:

5 p.m.—European Programme of Records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie & Co. Operatic.  
Gypsy Baron (Strauss),  
Ferdy Kaufman & Orchestra (36861).  
Pugliacci—Fantasy (Loencavallo),  
Marek Weber & His Orch. (35998).  
La Traviata—Potpourri (Verdi),  
Marek Weber & His Orch. (V-50015).  
La Boheme—Fantasia (Puccini),  
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35871).

5.35 p.m.—Without you Sweetheart,  
In my Bouquet of Memories,  
Gene Austin, Tenor (21374).  
Ginger Snaps,  
Danse Bagatelle,  
Victor Novelty Orchestra (22201).

How about Me?  
I'm sorry Sally,  
Morton Downey, Tenor (21806).

Some of these days,  
Moarin' Low,  
Sophie Tucker, Comedienne (23049).

Dixie,  
Maryland, My Maryland,  
Victor Male Chorus (21919).  
Jack of all Trades,  
Who said I was a Bum?  
Bud Billings, Tenor (21680).

Where the shy little vollets grow,  
When Summer is gone,  
Jesse Crawford, Organist (21876).

I'm only making believe,  
The right kind of Man,  
Welcome Law, Comedienne (22120).

It's unanimous Now,  
That's where you come in,  
Chick Endor, Comedian (22151).

Ol' Man River,  
Oh Lucyndy,  
The Revellers (Male) (21241).

My Mother's eyes,  
When the curtain comes down,  
G. Jessel, Dramatic Baritone (21852).

Where is the song of songs for me?  
Lupe Velez, Contralto (21982).  
A Hunting Scene,  
Victor Concert Band (22044).

The Mill in the Forest,  
Monastery Bells,  
Victor Concert Band (22096).

7.05 p.m.—Orchestral.

Russian Bazaar—Medley of Waltzes,  
Russian Inn,  
Kirloff's Orchestra (35826).

Dance of the Hours (Ponchelli),  
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35833).

Die Fledermaus—Overture (Strauss),  
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35960).

Dreams of Schubert—  
Medley Waltzes,  
Hungarian Rhapsody Orch. (36825).

Irish Rhapsody (Victor Herbert),  
Victor Symphony Orchestra (35967).

Manhattan Serenade (Alter),  
Victor Salon Orchestra (35914).

8 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre relay,  
9 p.m.—Weather Report,  
11 p.m.—Close Down.

## SHORT WAVE.

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN ANTWERP.

In July last an international congress of short-wave transmitting amateurs was held in Antwerp. There were participants from nearly all European countries. Especially England and France were strongly represented.

The main feature of this congress was to determine the best way to promote the interests of amateurs at the forthcoming radio-conference in Copenhagen and Madrid. Attention was drawn to the fact that at the radio conference at the Hague in September 1929 the amateurs were only represented by Mr. K. B. Warner and that it was highly desirable for the various countries involved to indicate their wishes. Elaborate discussions were held to find out whether it was necessary to operate on the wavelength of amateurs. Endeavours were made to increase the number of "standard frequency stations" in Europe to enable amateurs to accurately check their wavelength. It is advisable to use the wave-metre designed by the technical department of the "Union Internationale de Radiodiffusion" and to have it regularly checked every year. Moreover, it was stated that the checking-station of the U.I.R. regularly checks the amateur transmissions and communicate any deviations to the amateurs.

The general opinion prevailed that it is necessary to restrict the telephony transmissions as much as possible. It was decided to use telephony only in case a new modulation-system was tested and then merely by way of chance from telegraphy.

Another point of discussion was whether it is desirable to have a high-power broadcasting transmitter to be erected in a central position in the Irish Free State, in order to serve the whole country. The power of the new transmitter, which it is expected will be ready for operation by the end of next year, will be 60 kw., but arrangements have been made for the serial energy to be doubled at a later date, if desired. It is understood that the wave-length used will be 413 metres.

The future problems will be further dealt with the representatives in the interests of amateurs in their own countries.—Copyright 1930.

## AN ADVENTURE.

## RAMBLES IN A RADIO VALVE.

We had the privilege of meeting an electron which had just escaped from the node current. He started telling us of his adventures in the radio-valve, which for a long time had been his abode.

"We lived happily in the land of 'Filament.' Our diligent nation comprised many millions of inhabitants and there was not the slightest discord among them. Everybody lived with his family in an atom, and the members of each family used to gather round the fire, which attracted them very strongly. Our country could boast a hundred million towns which, by the way, were all populated by the same elements.

"Science in our country was up to a high standard. Especially in astronomy we had made great strides. Our astronomers had, with the aid of powerful telescopes, observed a remarkable celestial phenomenon which was seen as rods of enormous dimensions running across the sky like rainbows. They called this the grid."

"According to these same scientists, the universe in which we dwelt was not infinite, upon examining a photographic plate which had been exposed for hours by means of the gigantic telescope, they believed they could detect distinct traces of a tremendous plate which surrounded our universe.

"The astronomers called this plate the 'anoce.'

"This by way of introduction" said the genial electrode, which was very much emaciated on account of the privations it had suffered. "I will now tell you something about the terrible catastrophe which befell our dear country.

"One evening as we sat playing bridge, I said to my partner: 'Don't you think it's getting very hot here all of a sudden?' 'Yes,' he replied. 'Now you mention it, I notice the same thing myself!' 'What then happened I shall never forget as long as I live, it was so awful that I have scarcely been in my right mind ever since.'

"The heat increased with tremendous rapidity. The floor and walls began to glow. We ran to the roof, which had also started glowing, and, with the strength of despair, we jumped into space! We found that we were not the only ones who had suffered disaster; on our journey we collided with an entire stratum of fellow-citizens who had also endeavoured to escape by jumping into space.

"The strange thing was that we did not all fall back on to our poor country, which lay as a red-hot desert beneath us.

"Our scientists told us later on that the disaster was caused by the so-called filament current being switched on.

"Instead of falling back, we were attracted by a mysterious power and soared higher and higher. We rose with vertiginous speed, our country gradually began to disappear until we could see nothing more than a red-hot line.

"Now and then we had to endure violent impacts due to collisions with celestial bodies wandering through space; these, as I was told later on, were gas molecules.

"Having thus been borne along for some time, we noticed that the bow of the 'grid,' as the scientists call it, assumed an entirely different appearance and looked like rods of enormous thickness which closed our horizon. Suddenly our speed increased still more, but alas, some of us came to an untimely end on the bars of the grid. We were again carried higher and higher.

Finally, after a journey lasting several weeks, we fell in to the hands of a terrific crash...."

Our strange new acquaintance had suddenly disappeared.

Perhaps he will tell us next time, if we meet him again, something more about his terrible adventure.—Copyright 1930.

## HIGH-POWER.

## FOR THE IRISH FREE STATE.

An order has been placed with Messrs. Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited, Marconi House, Strand, London, W.C.2, for

a high-power broadcasting transmitter to be erected in a central position in the Irish Free State, in order to serve the whole country.

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## FOR FOOTBALL FANS.

## URUGUAY-ARGENTINE MATCH IN MONTEVIDEO STADIUM.

It does not often happen that keen football enthusiasts in Europe have an opportunity to see the famous Uruguay and Argentine teams. The play of these South-Americans is shown to full advantage when these two teams are playing together.

In July last there a championship match was played by these two teams in Montevideo. The stadium, which can seat 85,000 people, was totally sold out. The match was followed with keen interest and won by Uruguay.

Before the match and during the interval the crowd was entertained by music of a Philips "Voice of the Giant" installation. The loudspeakers were installed on the "tower of honour" of the stadium. The reproduction given by this installation was highly appreciated by both Press and public. The CX6 transmitter in Montevideo broadcasted a report of this important match.—Copyright 1930.

## NEW TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMITTER.

Up to now radio-telegraphic communication between Denmark and abroad took place via a number of transmitters, situated in Seeland, i.e. at Lyngby and Sorø. Within a year all these stations will be closed down and all Danish radio-telegrams will be attended to by a central station at Skamleback at about 100 kilometres' distance from Copenhagen. The erection of this transmitter is progressing with rapid strides. The roof has already been constructed and the transmitters are being installed. Seven aerial-towers will be built, in addition to a special aerial mast for the short-wave transmitter. The aerial masts will be entirely made of wood and will be 100 metres high.

The experimental transmissions are to be expected at the end of 1930. The transmitter will be officially put into service in the spring of 1931.

There will be a total number of 10 to 12 transmitters in Skamleback. Moreover, there will also be a short-wave transmitter operating on a power of 2 kilowatts. The broadcasting will also include news items and weather reports.—Copyright 1930.

## HOW A STUDIO IS EQUIPPED.

The WENR transmitter in Chicago is one of the most modernly equipped stations in the world. The transmitter works on a power of kilowatts and is a great favourite in the United States. The station is the property of the "Great Lakes Broadcasting Co.". The studios which have been specially equipped for this transmitter, are situated in the top three storeys of the new opera building in Chicago. The offices of this station are on the 41st storey.

The large studio is on the 42nd storey. This studio measures 17 x 10 x 6 metres. The entire arrangement looks like a winter-garden.

The walls of the hall are painted in a modern design. The illumination comprises thirty-two 300-watt lamps and fourteen fittings with 200-watt lamps, fitted to the side-walls.

Apart from two grand-pianos there is the key-board of a Wurlitz organ. The control-room is separated from the studio by a glass-pane. There are also various smaller studios in this building.

## HAUNTED POOL.

## GRAVE OF SIXTEEN VICTIMS.

Strange stories of the unnatural have from time to time appeared in the Press; stories of stone throwing, plate smashing and other phenomena which are all too readily attributed to ghosts and gain strength and currency according to credibility of the source from which they emanate, says the Malayan Daily Express.

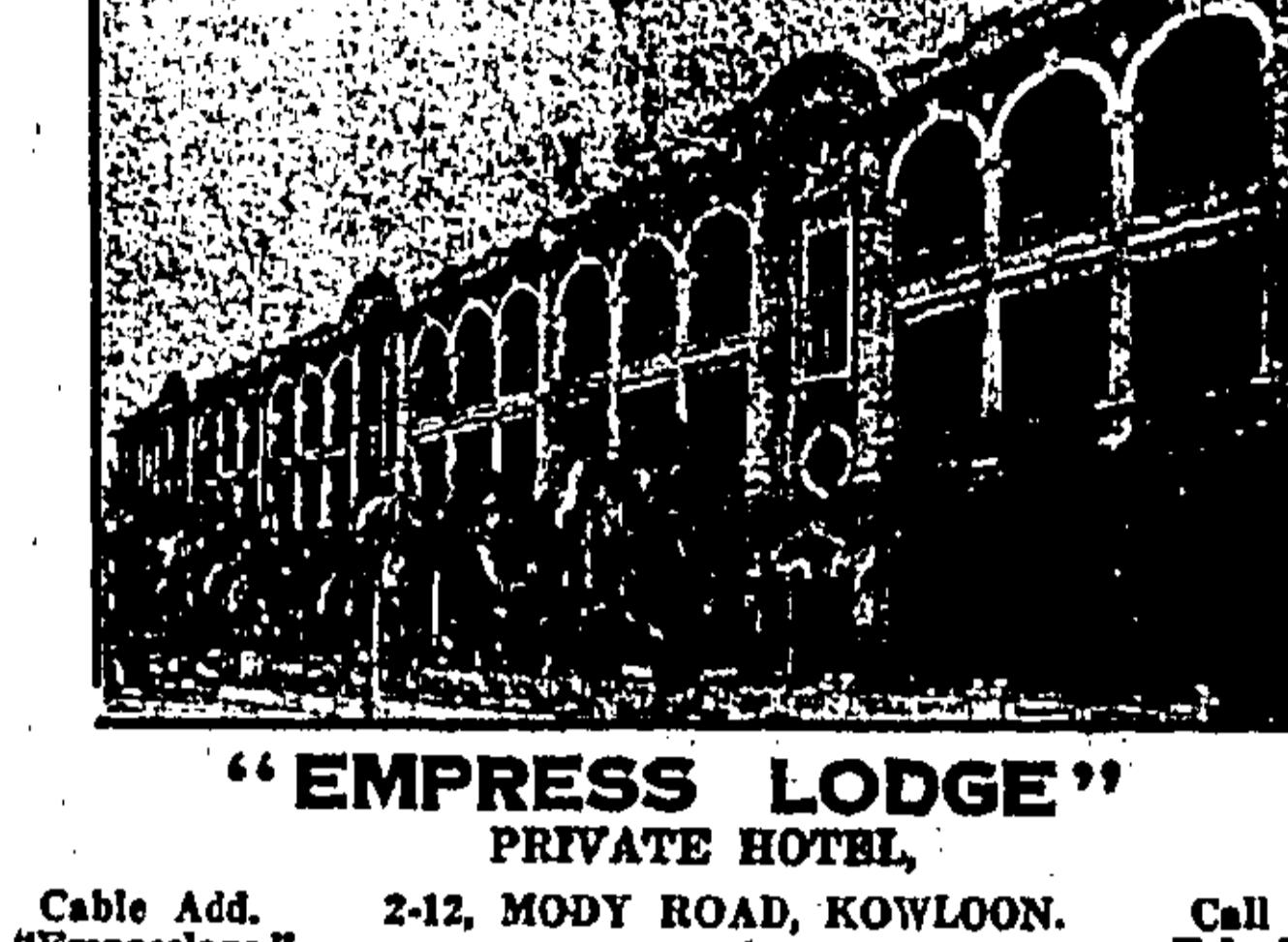
But the strangest of these "spook" stories is the one that reaches this office via a letter from a gentleman who has "turned believer," and has reference to a paragraph which appeared in the issue of October 11. In connection with the death of a Chinese who was drowned in a pond near the junction of Batu and Maxwell Roads.

He says that the unfortunate man was not a fisherman but a special apprentice named John Leong Kim Kok who was educated at St. Xavier's Institution, Penang, and was an expert swimmer who was known to him intimately.

The deceased, he adds, was about 21 years of age and certainly was a swimmer. He would certainly be about the last person to have wished to get into the pond as he knew only too well that a young railway

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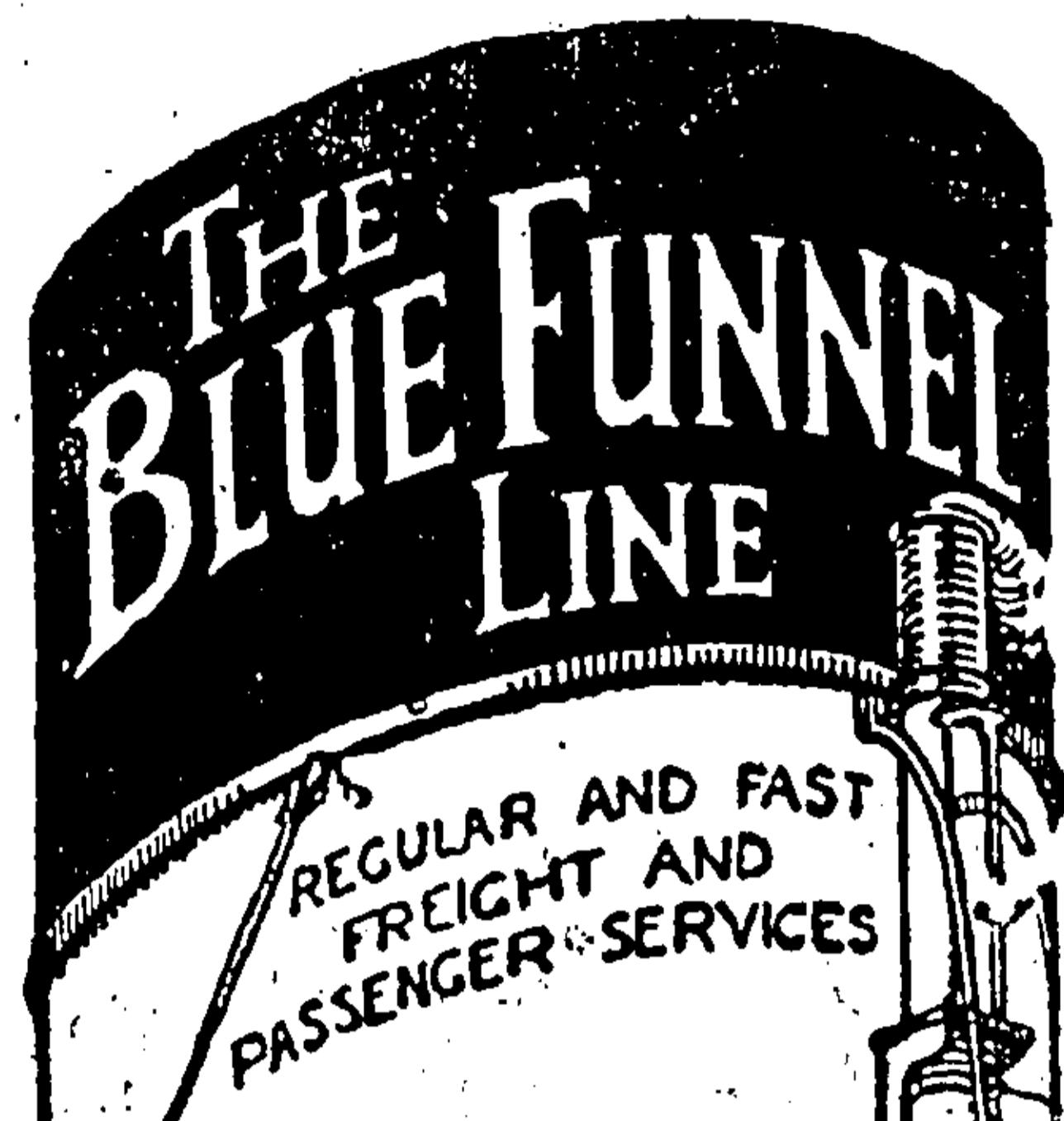
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## U.S. POLITICS.

### SUSPENSION OF ALL IMMIGRATION.

### LIQUOR LAW REVISION.

Washington, Yesterday. The suspension of all "immigration" until July, 1933, except immediate relatives of persons already in the United States, is being proposed by Senator Reed at the next session of Congress in order to relieve unemployment.

The Federation of Labour states that it is supporting the proposal.

A New York message says the Labour leader, Mr. John Sullivan, announces the formation of a Labour Committee representing ten thousand workers, to demand a modification of the liquor law at the next Congress, in order to permit the manufacture of beer containing two and three quarters per cent. alcohol, on the ground that it will provide work for a million and a half unemployed persons.—Reuter's American Service.

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### SHANSI TURMOIL.

### VIRTUAL STATE OF WAR IN EXISTENCE.

### FENG'S MOVEMENTS.

Peking, Yesterday. A foreigner who has returned from South Shansi states that a virtual state of war exists there.

About eight Nanking divisions are massed south of the Yellow River, ready to cross if the order be given to invade Shansi, while Feng-Yu-hsiang has 50,000 troops, well-equipped and of high morale, in the vicinity of the north bank.

Nanking aeroplanes are continually raiding the villages hoping to bomb Feng, but he continually shifts his headquarters, so that very few persons know where he is actually quartering.

It is understood that Chang Hsueh-hung has been given the task of clearing up the Shansi situation and there are still hopes of a settlement without further fighting.—Reuter.

Ernest Edward Jones, who entered the Navy from the Marine Society's training ship Warspite in 1919, was in London presented with the society's sword on being promoted to the rank of gunner in the Navy.

## FIGHTING PLANES.

### DESIGNED TO MEET HIGH BOMBING ATTACKS.

### BRITISH ACTIVITIES.

Rugby, Yesterday. Britain's air fighting forces are being largely re-equipped under a scheme which is being carried out during the next fifteen months.

The Hawker Engineering Company has received an Air Ministry contract for two hundred of the fastest service aeroplanes, most of which are a fighting type specially designed to meet high bombing attacks, their Rolls Royce engines being supercharged to give them an extraordinarily high speed. The maximum speed is approximately 200 miles an hour.

British aeroplane factories have also several large orders from other Governments in hand at present, including that of the Belgian Government received by the Fairey Aviation Company, and one from the Greek Government.

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### ADVENTURE OF SPANISH AIRMAN.

### MAJOR FRANCO.

Paris, Yesterday. A message from Madrid states that the airman Major Franco, together with another imprisoned Major, has escaped from prison.

This is the latest exciting episode in the life of the famous airman, who achieved world-wide prominence in an unsuccessful trans-Atlantic flight in June last year. He was missing for a week, and was finally picked up by a British aircraft carrier off the Azores.

Franco's conviction last month recently involved a sharp Hispano-German diplomatic incident. A German engineer in the aeroplane G 38, visiting Spain, wrote to Franco regretting that his imprisonment prevented him trying the plane and giving the Germans the benefit of his aeronautic experience. The German Ambassador tendered apologies, after which

the Spanish authorities permitted the G 38 to resume its flight around Europe.—Reuter.

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